

Loss of chickens affects child care kids

In last week's paper we reported that a crime had occurred at the Family Resource Center that involved the killing of some chickens by unknown person or persons. It was a news story that reported the event and what Public Safety was doing about it. That was not the whole story, though, because the killing of these birds had an effect on the people at the FRC, especially the children who had adopted the birds as pets. The following is a letter from one of those people showing how the news, a collection of facts, is not always the entire story.

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I first noticed the chickens as they were wandering around campus over by the Berry Hill apartments. I thought it a bit odd that there would be chickens wandering loose on campus. But each day I saw them as I was driving to work (I'm a preschool teacher at Camp Fire Child Care Center, which is located on campus in the Family Resources Center), and each day I looked for them.

One day, as I pulled into the parking lot at the FRC, I saw the chickens pecking around in the grass near the entrance. "Great!" I thought. I would have some great material to talk to the kids about at group time. All of the kids had noticed the chickens when they walked in that morning. And all of the kids loved having them there.

The next day, when the kids woke up from their naps, the chickens were in our play yard, and the children in my class decided to save bites of their snacks to feed to these chickens. This went on every day for a couple weeks.

Then one day, I noticed the chickens weren't around when I came to work. I didn't really pay much attention to it, figuring they had gone off to another part of campus to hang around. But that wasn't exactly the case.

As some of my co-workers were getting ready to take their class outside in the yard to play, they found two chicken carcasses. The heads had been wrung from the bodies. The carcasses and the detached heads were left in the play yard, near the play ground equipment. And if, on this particular day, the teachers had not gone outside first, it would have been small children who stumbled upon the

dead chickens. The thought makes me shudder.

Then, the next day, another dead chicken was found near the entrance to our building. Again, fortunately, it was not one of the children who found it. I can't imagine how traumatized those children would have been to find dead chickens in their play yard.

It was scary enough for the adults who found them. Somebody had been in our play yard, after-hours. Somebody had intentionally left dead chickens to be discovered by children. Somebody had violated our space.

As I look back over the events of finding and disposing of the chickens, I am saddened and angered. I am sad that the chickens are gone. They brought joy and excitement to the children at the child care center. I miss seeing them roaming around as I was driving through campus. The chil-

dren miss feeding them and watching them through the fence.

But more than that, I am angered. I am angry that someone would senselessly kill the chickens. More importantly, however, I am angry that whoever did this would intentionally leave the dead chickens where the children at the child care center could find them. There is no excuse for such an act. It is sick and unforgivable.

Fortunately, the children have moved on. They like watching the leaves fall from the trees. They enjoy digging up worms to keep as pets. And fortunately, there have been no more animal carcasses found in our play yards. I only hope that the police will be as fortunate in catching whoever did this - not only because they killed the chickens, but also because they violated our children's space.

Students helping students

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Co-Editor-in-Chief

After three years of operation Clackamas' Student Ambassador program is ready to expand by 100 percent.

The Student Ambassador Program, which was started three years ago, is designed to help recruit high school students. In addition, student ambassadors work with the local community to keep people informed about Clackamas - from a student perspective. Currently the program has four people involved with one student ambassador scheduled to leave by the end of the Fall semester.

"We're ready to grow a little. We feel it's working really well and we have more and more tasks that need to be done and we simply need more help," said High School Relations Coordinator Mindy Brown.

The current Student Ambassador Program has a variety of duties which include: giving campus tours, working in the counseling center, going out to high schools and a variety of fairs and college-sponsored events which include the National College Fair, Clackamas County Fair, Scholarship Night and Financial Aid Night.

"The idea behind student ambassadors is being able to sell the college to the community and to high school students. It makes sense that students are the best to do that," said Brown.

"It's given me a lot of contacts with people here at Clackamas... and has given me the chance to give something back



Nikki Wimsatt, Jacob Curtis, and Lindsey Kling are three of the current Student Ambassadors.

to Estacada" said Student Ambassador Lindsey Kling, graduate of Estacada High School.

"It has really made Clackamas more than just a commuter college... and it's made my experience at Clackamas so much more valuable. It's been a really wise decision to go to community college."

Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA. Ambassadors will work 5 to 15 hours a week for \$8 an hour. Applications must be in by Nov. 21.

For more information, students can inquire at the High School Relations Office (CC 149) or call extension 2481.

News Briefs

Get connected with what is happening in the semiconductor industry in Oregon. Today, the Portland Development Commission will present the newest information on how the growing semiconductor industry is influencing the employment opportunities in Oregon. Learn about the career possibilities in this expanding field. This meeting will be held in CC 127 from 11 a.m.-noon. There will be time for questions.

Don't miss the annual Christmas Craft Fair, sponsored by Student Activities: Candles, gift baskets, jewelry and more. The fair will be held Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center Mall and Fireside Lounge.

College Conversations: "Ask the President." Students, staff and faculty are invited to attend this informal conversations with College President, Dr. John Keyser. Pizza and drinks will be provided free of charge to all who attend. Monday, Nov. 10, 12-1 p.m. in CC127.

London Quarter orientation at Portland Community College Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. For transportation or more information contact Brenda Inglis at ext. 2515.

Canned Food Drive. Make the holidays a little better for those less fortunate. Help a local shelter by giving canned food. For mor information stop by CC140.

The American Red Cross blood drive will be on campus Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m..

Get hired fast! Recruiters are on Campus from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Community Center. Today, Office Team. Tomorrow, APA Employment. **College students have to balance study needs** against work and family responsibilities. How to do this and stay on track as a successful student will be the subject of a discussion/support group. "Job Search & Success," Today, Nov. 12; and "Holiday Survival," Nov. 19, Dec. 3. For more information, call the Life and Career Options Program at (503) 657-6958 ext. 2526.

Now hiring! There are three paid position for Student Ambassadors. Pick up applications in CC149, High School Relations.

Come to the Thursday opening of an Art Show for Theresa Mistratta. On Thursday, Nov. 6, Theresa will be at the Family Resource Center from 5:30-7 p.m. for the opening of a month long show of her art work. Drop by to see her work.

Students stop by the Counseling Center now to work out your educational plan. Registration for returning students will begin Dec. 1.

Rally sign-ups need to apply in ASG office (CC140) by Nov. 7. Applicants must be full time (12 credits) and be able to commit to four practices a week.

Chartwells

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Come over and check out our new international brands:

Not Just Donuts, Uppercrust and Ritazza Coffee!

<p style="text-align: center;">Coupon good for 25 cents off any 16 oz Ritazza Coffee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Expires November 19, 1997</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coupon good for 25 cents off any Not Just Donut (includes bagels)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Expires November 19, 1997</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coupon good for 50 cents off any Uppercrust Fresh Sandwich</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Expires November 19, 1997</p>
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